

PHILCO MODEL M-20 ALL-SPEED AUTOMATIC RECORD CHANGER

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DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONAL CYCLES

Power for the motor is obtained through the on-off switch mounted on the bridge assembly. This switch is operated manually by the control button with positions OFF-MAN-AUT-REJ. This button is located to the left of the record-shelf assembly, on the top of the Record Changer.

The Record Changer has three speeds, controlled by the Speed Selector located to the right of the record-shelf assembly. The positions of the Speed Selector are STD PLAY- 45 -LONG PLAY. These speed changes are brought about by the shift lever, which changes the positions of the idler wheel and pulley with respect to the motor shaft.

The changer mechanism of the Record Changer is brought into action when a small retractable gear segment, mounted on the cam gear, is released, and engages the hub gear of the turntable shaft, causing the cam gear to be driven. While a record is playing, the retractable gear segment is held in the retracted position by the trip-plate retaining wall, which engages the roller of the gear segment. The segment is released either manually, by pushing the OFF-MAN-AUT-REJ control to REJ, or automatically, when the changer tone arm reverses direction as the needle follows the eccentric finish groove of a record. For 45 r.p.m. automatic operation, an additional trip mechanism is brought into play. This trip mechanism is actuated by a trip stop, mounted on the trip receiver. When the needle of the tone arm enters the finish groove of a 45 r.p.m. record, the trip stop engages the trip lever, which releases the hammer; this hammer strikes the trip plate, and pushes it aside. The gear segment is then released, as explained above, for either the standard or long-play operations.

The tone arm of the Record Changer is operated by two link assemblies attached to actuator levers, which are in contact with the cam surfaces of the cam gear. When the cam gear starts rotating, the lower actuator lever is pushed outward first, and the link assembly with the long cord attached to it raises the tone arm off the record. As the cam gear continues to turn, the upper actuator lever is pushed outward, and its link assembly pulls the tone arm out against the rest post. At this instant, a roller on the cam gear makes contact with the push-off actuator (which is connected to the record-shelf assembly through a series of push-off bars), and operates the record-dropping mechanism.

After the record has dropped to the turntable, the cam releases the upper actuator, permitting the tone arm to move inward. As the tone arm moves toward the center of the turntable, the index finger engages one of the selectors, which stops the tone-arm travel at a point just above the start groove of the record. Following this action, the lower actuator, which is engaged with the lower cam surface of the cam gear, starts riding inward, relaxing the long cord and link assembly, allowing the tone arm to set down onto the record.

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ADJUSTMENTS

INDEXING OR SET-DOWN

7" Record

Set a 7" record on the turntable, push the OFF-MAN-AUT-REJ control to REJ, and rotate the turntable by hand approximately $4\frac{1}{2}$ turns. The tone-arm needle

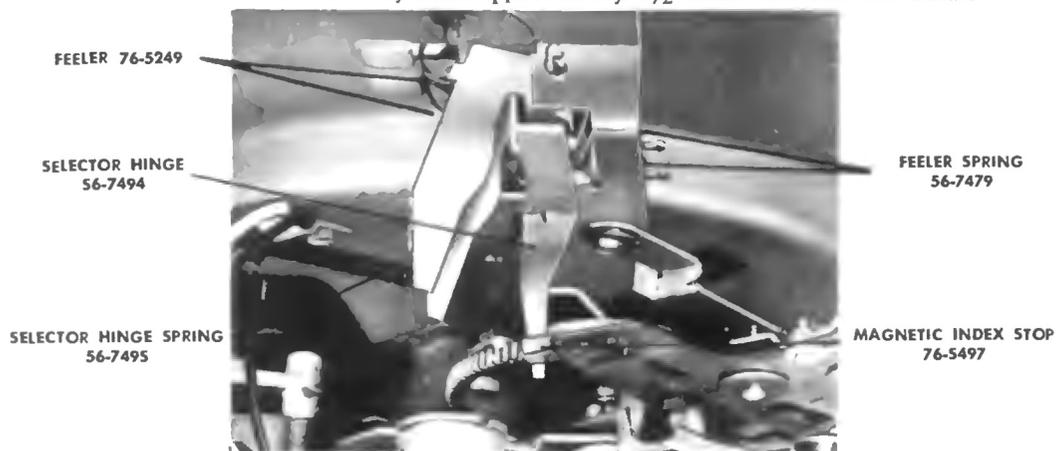


FIGURE 1. 7" INDEX ADJUSTMENT



FIGURE 2. 10" INDEX ADJUSTMENT

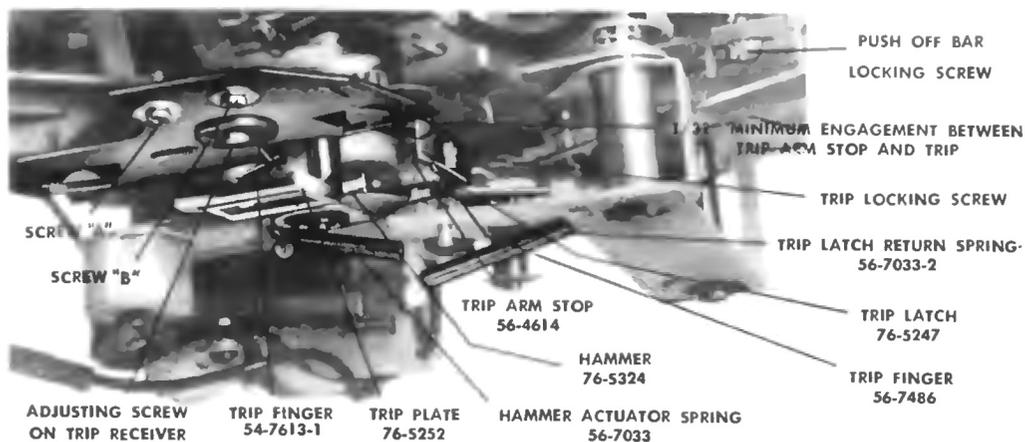


FIGURE 3. TRIP ADJUSTMENTS



should be approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ " above the record at this point. Loosen the clamp screw on the trip arm slightly (figure 9); then hold the tone arm steady, $\frac{1}{8}$ " in from the edge of the record, and set the trip arm so that the magnetic index stop, Part No. 76-5497, is in contact with the selector hinge (inside selector), Part No. 56-7494, as shown in figure 1. The index stop should engage the selector hinge by a minimum of $\frac{1}{8}$ ".

Tighten the clamp screw, leaving $\frac{1}{32}$ " vertical play, or clearance, between the trip arm and the base plate.

10" Record

Make the index adjustment for 7" records first. Check 10" indexing by the same method as that outlined above. With the needle point $\frac{1}{2}$ " above the record, and $\frac{1}{8}$ " in from the outside edge, the index stop should be in contact with the middle selector, Part No. 56-7478, as shown in figure 2.

Ordinarily, the 10" index is satisfactory after the 7" index adjustment is made; if not, bend the selector *slightly* to the right or left, as required, for the proper set-down of the needle.

12" Record

Adjust as given above for 10" records, except that the index stop should contact the outside selector, Part No. 56-7478. If the indexing is incorrect, bend the selector hinge *slightly* to the right or left, as required, for proper set-down.

TRIP ACTION

10" or 12" Standard or Long-Play Records

With a 10" or 12" record on the turntable, the Speed Selector set to either STD PLAY or LONG PLAY, and the OFF-MAN-AUT-REJ control in AUT position, place the tone arm in the finish, or eccentric, groove of the record. The trip finger, Part No. 56-7486, now rides over the ratchet of the trip plate, Part No. 76-5252, as shown in figure 3. The trip finger should ride at an angle of 25° to 30° with respect to the ratchet. To obtain the correct angle, adjust the screw on the trip receiver, Part No. 56-7491, as indicated in figure 3; Make certain that the vertical center line of the trip finger coincides with the center line of the ratchet. To obtain this alignment, loosen screw "A" slightly, and screw "B" completely, on the trip receiver, and swing the trip receiver to the right or left, rotating about point "A" until the trip finger is centered over the ratchet; then tighten the screws.

When this adjustment is made, care should be taken to prevent the trip receiver from being pulled in toward the trip arm too far, as this will prevent the trip-arm stop from engaging the selector hinge by a minimum of $\frac{1}{8}$ ". A compromise between these two adjustments should be reached.

The index adjustment will be affected when making the above adjustments. Remember that these three adjustments are interrelated, and that, when any one of them is made, the other two should be rechecked.

7" — 45 R.P.M. Records

Place a 7", 45 r.p.m. record, with adaptor insert, on the turntable. Set the Speed Selector to 45, and the OFF-MAN-AUT-REJ control to AUT position. Set the tone arm on the portion of the record which contains the lead-in grooves. The mechanism should trip when the needle reaches a point approximately $\frac{1}{8}$ " from the last groove (which is concentric). If it trips before reaching this point, bend the trip finger, Part No. 56-7486, away from the trip-arm stop. If it fails to trip when this point is reached, bend in the opposite direction.

The trip-arm stop should engage the trip by a minimum of $\frac{1}{32}$ " in both the horizontal and vertical planes, as shown in figure 3. This may be adjusted by loosening the trip locking screw, and sliding or raising the trip to the desired position.

The horizontal force required to trip the changer and initiate the change cycle should not exceed 2 grams at any turntable speed.

tone-ARM HEIGHT AND LIFT

With the changer out of cycle, and the tone arm free, set the arm over the base plate. The needle point should be approximately $\frac{3}{16}$ " above the base plate, as shown in figure 4. To adjust the clearance, bend the protruding ear of the swivel post (bending the ear upward increases the clearance, downward decreases the clearance), as shown in figure 5. Now raise the tone arm to its maximum height, and place it against the rest post. There should be a minimum of $\frac{1}{8}$ " clearance between the lower

edge of the tone arm and the top of the rest-post hook. Adjust the ear on the swivel post until a mean is reached between the correct rest-post clearance and base-plate clearance.

TONE-ARM HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL TIMING

Before making the vertical and horizontal adjustments, make the tone-arm height and lift adjustments described above.

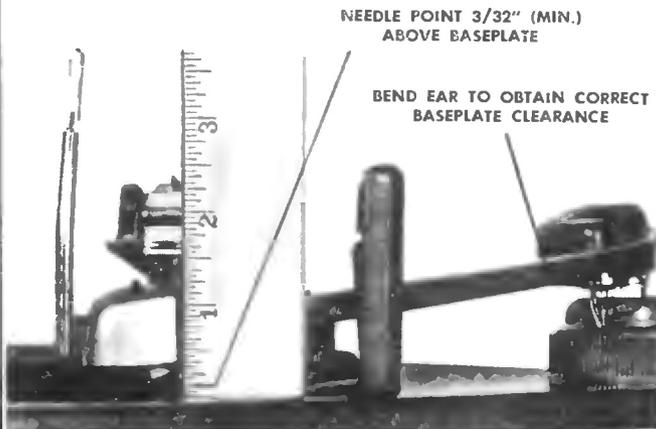


FIGURE 4. BASE-PLATE-CLEARANCE ADJUSTMENT

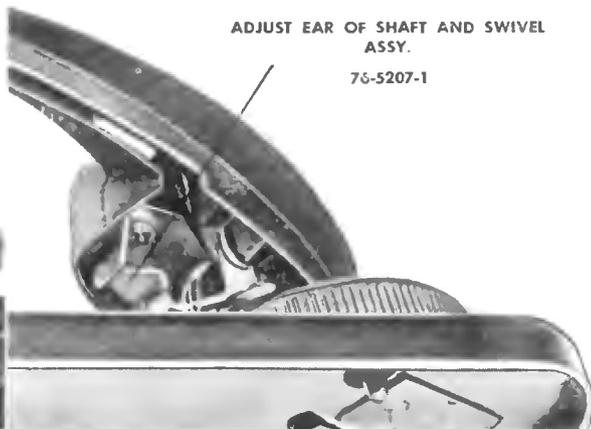


FIGURE 5. TONE-ARM HEIGHT AND LIFT ADJUSTMENT

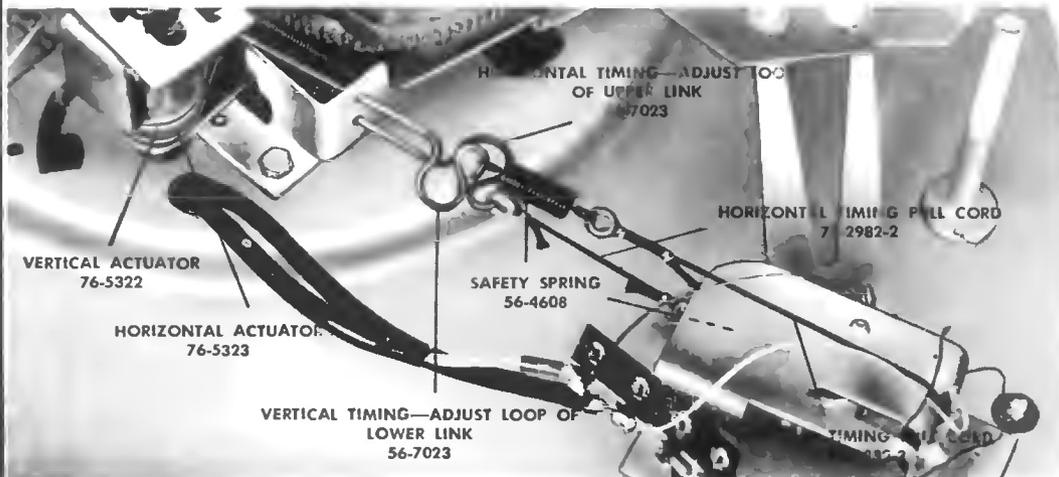


FIGURE 6. HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL TIMING ADJUSTMENTS



FIGURE 7. SPECIAL RECORD-SHELF GAUGE, SHOWN IN CORRECT POSITION



For the vertical timing, start with the changer out of cycle and the tone arm on the rest post, push the OFF-MAN-AUT-REJ control to REJ, and rotate the turntable approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ revolutions by hand. At this point, the lower eccentric portion of the cam-and-gear assembly, Part No. 76-3995-2, fully engages the lower (vertical) actuator (the actuator with the cord), Part No. 76-5322. Adjust the wire loop of the lower link, Part No. 56-7023, figure 6, by squeezing or opening the loop so that the safety spring is expanded approximately $\frac{1}{32}$ ". With this adjustment, the ear of the tone-arm swivel post makes firm contact with the lower end of the cutout on the tone-arm pivot assembly.

For the horizontal timing, start as given in the above paragraph. At the same point, $1\frac{1}{2}$ revolutions from the start of the cycle, the upper eccentric portion of the cam gear fully engages the upper (horizontal) actuator, Part No. 76-5323. Adjust the wire loop of the upper link, Part No. 76-7023, with the short cord, figure 6, by squeezing or opening the loop so that the safety spring is expanded approximately $\frac{1}{32}$ ". With this adjustment, the tone arm should be snug against the rest post, but not so tight as to cause undue slapping as the arm returns to the rest post during cycling.

RECORD SHELF

Set the record shelf to the 10" position, with the changer out of cycle. Loosen the two hex-head drive screws that hold the record-shelf assembly to the changer base plate just sufficiently to allow movement of the record-shelf stanchion. Place the Philco record-shelf gauge, Part No. 45-1672, over the spindle and onto the record shelf, as shown in figure 7. Move the record-shelf assembly away from the spindle until the large, curved part of the gauge drops even with the record-shelf lips. Now push the record shelf and gauge lightly against the spindle, taking out all play toward the spindle; keep the lips of the record shelf in even contact with the edge of the gauge. Tighten the two hex-head screws.

PUSH-OFF

With the changer out of cycle, push the OFF-MAN-AUT-REJ control to REJ, and rotate the turntable 2 revolutions by hand. At this point, the push-off actuator, Part No. 56-4588, is in its most forward position, in contact with the roller on the cam gear. Loosen the push-off-bar locking screw (indicated in figure 3) slightly (just sufficiently to allow adjustment), and squeeze the push-off ears toward each other until the slide plate on the record shelf extends between $\frac{1}{64}$ " and $\frac{1}{32}$ " beyond the lips of the shelf. Tighten the hex-head push-off-bar screw.

NEEDLE PRESSURE

Use the Philco gram scale, Part No. 45-9531. Calibrate the scale to zero by holding it upright for vertical measurement, and setting the pointer to the center line of the scale. The center is the "0" point, and each small division on either side of "0" is equal to one gram.

After the scale has been calibrated to zero, hold the scale perpendicularly to the tone-arm head, and support the tone arm by placing the standard-play needle in the hole at the end of the gram-scale arm, as shown in figure 8. By lifting the gram scale carefully, raise the tone arm approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ ", and note the reading. Then lower the tone-arm, and note the reading. The average of these two readings is the needle pressure, which should be between 7 and 9 grams. The pressure is adjustable by bending the ear at the rear of the tone arm to which the tone-arm spring is anchored, as shown in figure 9. Bending the ear so as to stretch the spring decreases the needle pressure; bending so as to relax the spring increases the needle pressure. If the needle pressure is out of tolerance, make the above adjustments gradually, and recheck after each change, as a small movement gives a rather large variation in needle pressure.

When making this adjustment, be careful not to bend or distort the bracket. If this bracket is deformed, the needle pressure on the last record of a stack will differ from the needle pressure on the first record. When the proper needle pressure is attained, the upper edge of the ear should be parallel to the rear, lower edge of the tone-arm shell. If the bracket was bent while adjusting the ear, gently pry down or push up the bracket (applying even pressure on both sides) until the ear and tone-arm shell are in proper relationship.



VERTICAL FRICTION

To measure the vertical friction, take two gram-scale readings as explained above under **NEEDLE PRESSURE**. One-half of the difference between the two readings is the vertical friction, which should not exceed 1.5 grams.



FIGURE 8. MEASURING VERTICAL FRICTION



FIGURE 9. NEEDLE-PRESSURE ADJUSTMENT



FIGURE 10. MEASURING HORIZONTAL FRICTION

HORIZONTAL FRICTION

Calibrate the gram scale by laying it flat, face-up. Set the pointer to zero (center mark).

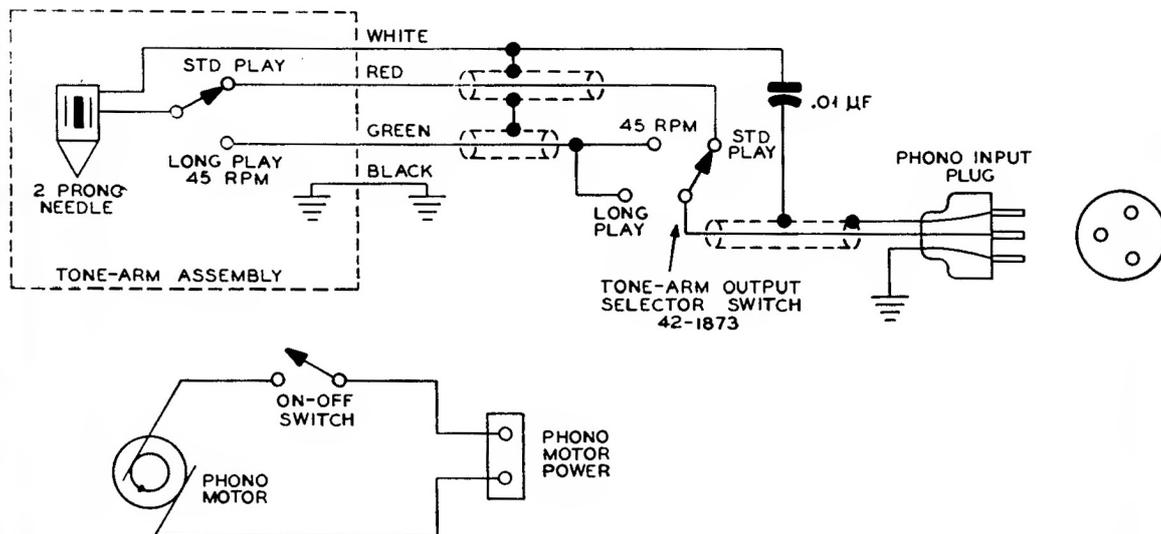
Place a counterweight on top of the rear end of the tone arm, with the changer out of cycle; move the counterweight until the tone arm is balanced horizontally, and the needle point clears the turntable. Hold the gram scale face-up, place its pointer against the side of the pickup, and slowly move the gram scale so as to push the tone-arm horizontally with the pointer, as shown in figure 10. Note the reading of the gram scale while moving the tone arm throughout its entire travel (outside the trip range). At no time should the horizontal friction (the force required to move the tone arm) exceed $1\frac{1}{2}$ grams, nor be less than $\frac{3}{4}$ of a gram.

Note: Whenever any repairs or replacements are performed, all adjustments should be checked, and any necessary adjustments made. When making adjustments, check the lubrication at all points indicated in the LUBRICATION section, and lubricate where necessary, after cleaning off old and excess grease with a soft brush and carbon tetrachloride.

UNEVEN TURNTABLE SPEED (WOWS)

Uneven turntable speed may be caused by the following conditions.

1. Dirt under and around the idler-wheel assembly.
2. Idler-wheel spring loose or missing.
3. Flat spot on idler-wheel tire or on turntable.
4. Loose or worn pulley belt.
5. Oil or grease on idler-wheel tire, pulley, or drive shaft.



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When the Record Changer is brought in for service, it should be well cleaned with a fine brush and carbon tetrachloride. Remove the needle guard and clean out accumulated dust with a fine brush. Remove all dirt and old grease and oil. When applying new grease and oil, use it sparingly. Lubrication points are shown in figures 11 and 12. It may be necessary to remove some parts and assemblies in order to properly lubricate them. For example, the cam gear and actuator levers should be removed to lubricate the cam-gear spindle and the actuator stud.

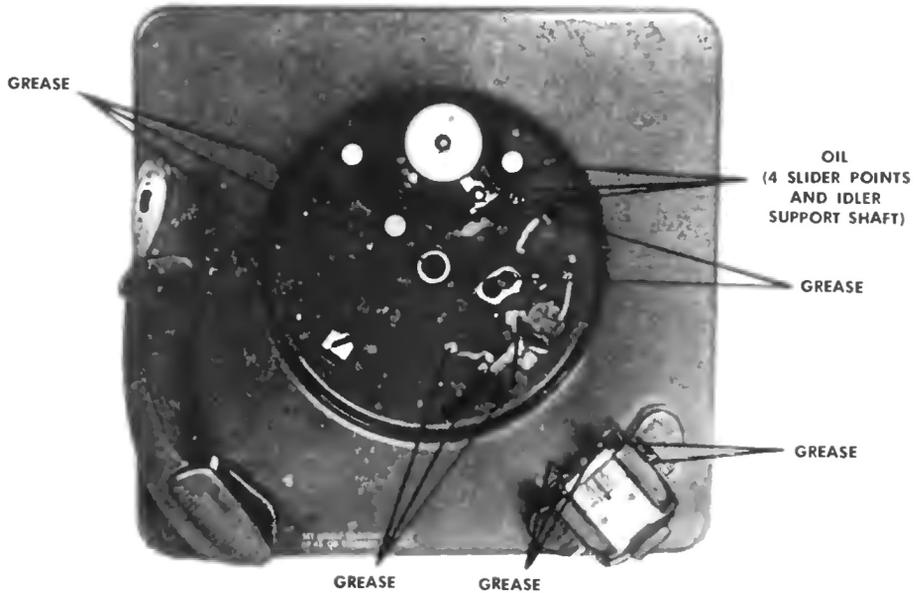


FIGURE 11. TOP VIEW, SHOWING LUBRICATION POINTS

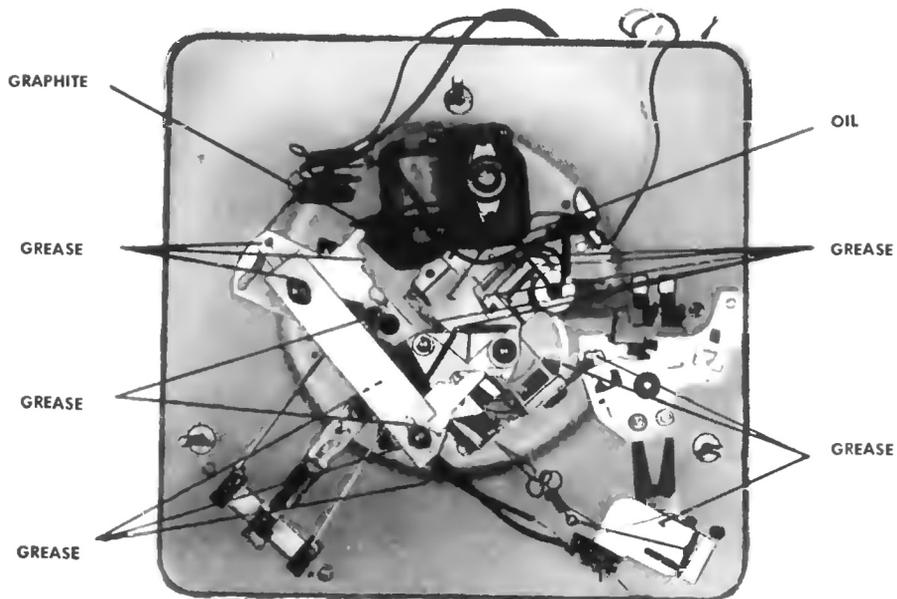


FIGURE 12. BOTTOM VIEW, SHOWING LUBRICATION POINTS